

# CITY OF SIMI VALLEY



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September 4, 2002

Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 450  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 5, 2002 COMMISSION MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM #15

Dear Chairman Getman and Commissioners Downey, Knox and Swanson:

It has come to my attention that all State agencies are expected to cut expenditures by 20% in FY 2003-2004 and that at the September 5, 2002, Fair Political Practices Commission meeting discussion will occur about a possible cut in services provided by the Technical Assistance Division.

I would like to take this opportunity to comment about my personal experience with the FPPC and particularly the Technical Assistance Division. I am currently the Assistant City Clerk for the City of Simi Valley and have been in this position since 1986. My responsibilities in this position include serving as the City's filing officer for campaign statements and Statements of Economic Interest. I frequently use the toll free number when I have questions relating to my duties as filing officer and questions about completion of the above noted statements. In addition, I provide the toll free number to our elected officials, candidates and committees, and Form 700 filers and encourage them to call if they have questions about completing their statements. I hear many positive comments about the high quality of service provided by the Technical Assistance Division.

The service provided by the Outreach Program is also of great value to me. Our office recently participated in a training session with one of your staff members on filing officer responsibilities. He reviewed our procedures, assisted us in streamlining these procedures, and answered many of our questions.

We regularly participate in workshops and seminars sponsored by the FPPC, such as the one for candidates and treasurers held in Thousand Oaks on August 28, 2002. As always, FPPC representatives at that function were knowledgeable and thorough in their presentation and provided important information to candidates and treasurers. These workshops provide me with the opportunity to increase my knowledge and enable me to better perform my duties as a filing officer.

BILL DAVIS  
Mayor

GLEN T. BECERRA  
Mayor Pro Tem

BARBRA WILLIAMSON  
Council Member

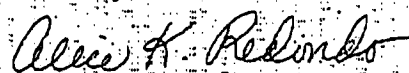
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Council Member

STEVEN T. SOJKA  
Council Member

A cut in the level of services provided by the Technical Assistance Division will negatively impact the service you provide to City Clerks throughout California and to our filers. Please consider my comments in your decision and my request that you maintain your service at the level that you provide today.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Alice K. Redondo  
Assistant City Clerk